

GREENLINK TRANSIT VISION AND MASTER PLAN

Joint Steering and Technical Committee Meeting Summary

The final joint Steering and Technical Committee meeting was conducted at the Carolina First Center in Greenville, SC on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 8:30 AM. Those in attendance included:

Paula Gucker, Greenville County
Phillip Lemmon, Jr., ACOG
Matt Carter, GTA
Trey Fouche, GTA
Brett Caldwell, Caldwell Construction
Jennifer Rigby, City of Greenville
Mike Horne, City of Greenville
Jim Campbell, City of Greenville
Brian Graham, City of Greenville
Greg Baney, City of Greenville/Greenlink
Carmen Durham, City of Greenville
Wayne Leftwich, City of Greenville
Jean Pool, City of Greenville
Mark Depenning, City of Greenville

Tiffany Wedmore, Greenville County
Keith Brockington, Greenville County
Jacqui Dimaggio, Greenville Tech
John Gardner, City of Mauldin
Margaret McJunkin, Nicholstown
Neighborhood Association
Debbie Nelson, DNA Creative
Communications
Brad Van Meter, Ameresco
Nancy Fitzer, Upstate Forever
Tamela Spann, United Way
Jim Brown, URS Corporation
Chip Burger URS Corporation
Susan Richards, SR Concepts

Matt Carter opened the meeting, introduced the project team, and requested introductions from those in attendance. He then provided an overview of transit in Greenville and introduced Jim Brown, URS Corporation, to make the presentation on the draft study report.

The presentation focused on community views, service expansion, and funding, but also included elements of land use, marketing, public relations, governance, and next steps towards completion.

Comments made during the follow up group discussion included:

- In response to a question pertaining to funding other transportation elements in addition to transit, the transit plan does not include details associated with funding or specific project inclusion for bicycle/sidewalks/trail/other transportation improvements
- Mauldin prefers a US 276 route to include CU-ICAR and St. Francis Hospital. This alternative will be reviewed and considered as part of the plan's finalization process.
- Slide showing ½ mile walk boundaries around transit routes was helpful
- Was consideration given as to who would operate ADA paratransit for Mauldin/Simpsonville service area? This would need to be determined between the cities and Greenlink
- If Mauldin service goes northward to Greenridge area, it should also be retained in long-term plan. As various service alternatives are being considered, any long-term route(s) would have to be reviewed at the time of extended BRT implementation
- The Long-term map inadvertently showed the future BRT alignment along the rail corridor rather than along the parallel roadway

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- A brief discussion was held pertaining to the potential for a sales tax referendum. It was pointed out that the Charleston sales tax was presented twice (2000 and 2002) for referendum before successfully passing in 2004. Their plan included specific projects with ongoing public participation included through both transportation and green committees.

In closing, Jim Campbell requested that should anyone have additional comments, to please send to Jim Brown by June 11.